



Our Lady of the Black Hills

October 10 & 11, 2009, Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm;

Sunday, 9:00 am and 6:00 pm

Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8:00 am

Morning Prayer: Following Daily Liturgy

Eucharistic Adoration

and Reconciliation:

Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Taize Prayer: First Sunday, 7:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email to bulletin@olbh.org by Tuesday noon for the following Sunday bulletin.

Sparks from the Spirit

Last Sunday, I asked a tenth-grader who is very active in our parish if he was going to enter into the Confirmation class this year. I was surprised when he answered, "I don't know. What is Confirmation?" Although one of the purposes of the class is to answer this question, I had never had anyone honestly ask this question *before* entering into the class... and it is a positive sign that our young people are seriously looking before leaping into this one-in-a-lifetime sacrament.

In the not-to-distant past, the sacrament of Confirmation was offered to only eleventh graders in our parish. The sacrament had become a sort of rite of passage connected to a specific grade—and too often, the passage was considered "graduation." No more formation, no more learning about our faith. But along with Baptism and Eucharist, Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation—a beginning, not an end—a way station, not a destination.

The word "confirmation" means "a strengthening." Through the sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit strengthens the gifts received in Baptism. Through the grace of the sacrament, the Holy Spirit brings these gifts to a new level of maturity. St. Paul described this process of spiritual growth in his first letter to the Corinthians: "When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things. At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known" (1 Corinthians 13:11-12).

When a person is baptized, he takes on a completely new life. Regardless of his physical age, he is born again of water and Spirit. But like a child who doesn't walk or talk right after it is born, the baptized needs to grow and mature spiritually to fully exercise the gifts received in Baptism. It is a process of gradual maturing—strengthened and nourished by the reception of sacraments along the way—until we meet the Risen Christ face-to-face in death.

We are life-long learners. Even after we have graduated from grade school and middle school and high school—and even college and graduate school—we continue to learn. Likewise, spiritual formation is a life-long process. Jesus Christ has shown us the way to spiritual maturity—loving God and neighbor as he did—and he sent the Holy Spirit to help us love more perfectly. Through the sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit "roots us more deeply in the divine love, incorporates us more firmly into Christ, strengthens our bond with the Church, associates us more closely with her mission, and helps us bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1316). Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love!

Deacon John Osnes

Growing and Celebrating through the Teachings of Jesus Christ

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Monday, October 12

Romans 1:1-7; Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; Luke 11:29-32 (green)

8:00 am Daily Liturgy - (Intention: For the Repose of Greg Beebe)

Tuesday, October 13

Romans 1:16-25; Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5; Luke 11:37-41 (green)

8:00 am Daily Liturgy - (Intention: For Terri Thurston)

10:30 am: Staff Holy Hour

7:00 pm: Returning Catholics

Wednesday, October 14

Romans 2:1-11; Psalms 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Luke 11:42-46 (white)

8:00 am Daily Liturgy - (Intention: Healing for those who have been affected by sexual abuse.)

9:00 am – Noon: Food Pantry

6:00 pm: Gatherings of Grace – The Gospel of Luke

Thursday, October 15

Memorial of St. Teresa of Avila

Romans 3:21-29 or Romans 8:22-27;

Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Luke 11:47-54 (white)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For Chuck Trumble)

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

Friday, October 16

Romans 4:1-8; Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11; Luke 12:1-7 (green)

No Daily Liturgy

8:30 Women's Lumko group

Saturday Morning, October 17

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr

Romans 4:13, 16-18 or Philippians 3:17-4:1;

Psalms 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Luke 12:8-12 or John 12:24-26 (red)

No Daily Liturgy

9:00 am – noon: Food Pantry

3:30 – 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

An idea is salvation
by imagination.

~Frank Lloyd Wright

Reflection Questions for Next Sunday

We are called to serve as Jesus served.

Children: Name some ways that you can serve others?

Youth: Jesus changed the way we think of leadership to be someone who serves others. How are you a leader in school, your family, the parish and/or your community?

Adults: What are some times in your own life when you have the chance to be last instead of first?

Saturday Evening, October 17

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 or Mark 10:42-45 (green)

5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For the Repose of Al & Phyllis Kranz & family)

Sunday, October 18

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalms 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45 or Mark 10:42-45 (green)

8:30 am: Middle School Youth Rally – St. Paul's in Belle Fourche

9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Our OLBH Community)

10:00 am: Coffee Hour hosted by Marlys Sears & Family

4:00 pm: Edge & Life Teen

6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Married Couples)

Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns:

Eli Amiotte, Bob Besse, Joe Creek,

Alice Donley, Marty Jolly, Jami

Kortan, Sharon Long, Joni Osnes,

Mary Pulaski, Mary Ann Pulaski,

Maria Sepulveda, Jerry Silbernagel,

Jim Wranek

Repose:

Fr. Jack Birdsall, Andrew Klein,

Gene Kraft & Don Norman

Collection Report

October 3rd & 4th

Loose	\$ 2313.01
Envelopes.....	2547.00
Votive.....	5.75
Student.....	57.85
Adopt a Seminarian.....	20.00
Mass Intentions.....	10.00
Other	367.00
Total.....	\$5320.61

Mass Ministry Schedule

Oct. 17 & 18	5:00 pm	9:00 am	6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Lori Ehresmann	Coffee Hour: Marlys Sears & Family	
Altar Servers	Elijah Ehresmann* Michael Linde Matthew Linde	Chris Van Asma* Andrew Corbine Matt Van Asma	Kevin Chamberlain* Aric Dyczek Paige Gehlsen
Precious Body	Bernadette Usera	Brad Blauvelt	Diane Clarke
Precious Blood	Bethany Ehresmann Joe Deaver John Usera John Wang	Michelle Bucholz Dennis Fischer Jean Schubauer Pat Suiter	Jim McCormick Joni Osnes Stephanie Strand Teresa Thompson
Lectors	Cathy Wang Doris Hume	Mary Blauvelt Mary Coffin	Thomas Jerzak Curt Lauinger
Sacristans	Patty & Charlie Cresalia	Ken & Kathy Van Asma	Brad & Tanya McCaskell
Ushers	Jayme Hunt Reggie Hunt	Betsy Van Asma Tom Van Asma	Don Everson Dorothy Tinnell
Choir	OLBH Choir	Regina's Minstrels	The Covenant Band

OLBH Parish News

JustFaith

This past year there were two parishes in our Diocese, Our Lady of the Black Hills and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, that participated in the JustFaith program and seemed to be a positive and challenging experience for the participants and the parishes. I know that St. John the Evangelist in Ft. Pierre and Blessed Sacrament are starting one up this fall. We are looking for 8 - 12 adults who would be willing to be part of another JustFaith group at OLBH this coming year. If you are interested please give Fr. Mark a call or Kathy Larsen. **What is JustFaith?** JustFaith is a conversion-based process that seeks to provide a context in which participants can grow in their commitment to care for the vulnerable and to become advocates for justice. JustFaith is an extended justice education process that meets weekly employing books, videos, guest speakers, discussion, prayer, retreats and hands-on experiences. Participants are also afforded the privilege of becoming community with other participants and sharing a journey of faith and compassion that is both life-giving and challenging.

We Need Items for Fall Festival

Sunday, November 8th is our Annual Fall Festival. This year we will be making pressed apple cider. We are looking for donations of bottles or jugs (2 liters) and apples from your trees. If you can spare either of these items, please drop them off at the church or call the parish office at 787-5168.

Catholic University of America Scholarship

Next spring, another high school senior from our diocese will be awarded a four year scholarship to the Catholic University of America (CUA). There are currently four students attending CUA from our diocese under this scholarship program. Applications for admission to CUA must be in by February 15, 2010, for the 2010 fall term. Brochures are on the counter in the gathering area.

Oktoberfest Fun Run / Walk Results

Ages 12 and Under Class:

Boys

1. Matt Van Asma
2. Isaac Gehlsen
3. Chris Van Asma

Girls

1. Olivia Lyle
2. Paige Gehlsen
3. Maria Rohrbach

Ages 13 to 16 Class:

Boys

1. Kevin Chamberlin

Girls

1. Hanna Ehresmann

Ages 31 to 50

Men

1. Ryan Ryder
2. Fr. Mark
3. Brad Ehresmann

Women

1. Teresa Adel
2. Joan Pecora
3. Jenny Scherr

Top Female Run/Walkers

1. Ruth Conway
2. Judy Schumacker
3. Desmond Rhodes

Women over 50

1. Darcy Randle

Books for Sale in OLBH Library Now

OLBH Parishioners have a chance to buy some good, used books on an ongoing basis now. Thanks to donations of books from the Sisters at St Martin Monastery, Tom Reeve, and other anonymous donors, we've established a used bookcase in the library for your browsing. It contains used books on religious themes which are similar to the ones already in the library or are ones which don't have sturdy enough bindings for the ongoing usage of continued library checkouts. Look to your hearts' content, leave a donation for those you select, and enjoy some good reading. And standby for a really BIG used book sale in December!

For the Ride Home

By Ted Bergh

Scripture

- ❖ Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, And I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep, (Wisdom 7:10)
- ❖ Teach us to count our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. (Psalm 90:15)
- ❖ Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)
- ❖ "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." (Mark 10:26b,27)

Reflection

- ❖ What is beyond health, beauty and unlike daylight never rests?
- ❖ Do you count days, make days count, or use a different scale?
- ❖ What penetrates to the inmost self ("between soul and spirit") perceiving reflections and thoughts of the heart? (Note: reflections and thoughts are hard to see!) How do you find what is true in your heart?
- ❖ What is impossible but possible?

Stumbling under the weight of contradictions in our lives, for a fleeting moment we glimpsed the possibility of building within ourselves a place of simplicity and light. Horrified at our own selfishness, we burst asunder the chains of the senses, at least in our desire, and glimpsed the possibility of true freedom and love. Bored by a middle-class conformist life, we suddenly saw ourselves on the streets of the world – bearers of a message of light and love, love of all sisters and brothers, and ready to offer on the altar of unconditional love, the witness of a life in which the primacy of poverty and love would make communicating and relating an easy matter. This is when Francis enters our lives in some way. It would not be easy to find a Christian – Catholic, Protestant, or Orthodox -- who has never identified with the figure of Francis of Assisi, and who has not in some measure desired to imitate him. ... I think that Francis of Assisi is in the depths of every human being, for all are touched by grace – just as the call to holiness is in the depths of every human being.¹

¹ Carretto, Carlos, *Selected Writings*, edited by Robert Ellsberg, Orbis Books; Maryknoll NY, 1994, p. 111.

Diocesan News

Women of Faith

Fr. Tyler Dennis shares about "Evangelizing Mexico" Wednesday, October 14, 9:00 - 11:00 am in the Cathedral's hall (below the church) as we celebrate the "Year of the Priest." Father Brian Christensen will be with us October 21. Come join women of the Black Hills area each (or any) Wednesday as we learn more about each other and our priests. Questions? Contact Carol at 716-4479

The 2009 Diocesan Women's Retreat, October 23-25, at Outlaw Ranch - Custer

As believers, we are challenged to discover the God-given dignity and vocation of women. Join Fr. Mark McCormick for this year's retreat, "BIBLICAL WOMEN - GUIDE TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD", as he guides us through this journey and we become our own guides to the Kingdom of God. Pre-registration required! Registration Fee: \$100. **Registration**

Deadline: Friday, October 16th! For more information, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

First Ever Winefest

An evening of fellowship and fundraising to benefit the Rapid City Catholic School System. Saturday, October 24, from 7:00-10:00 pm at St. Thomas More High School in Rapid City. Sample at least 15 different wines, ranging from the everyday to the extravagant. The sampled wines can be purchased at the event at a discounted rate. Food provided by Sonrise Meats, On The Border, Sanford's Pub & Grub, and Tastefully Simple. Live music by Kenny Putnam and Boyd Bristow. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased by calling Rich Raposa at 391-2110. A limited number of tickets are available.

Christian Family Planning Seminar

Saturday, October 24 at St. John's, Ft. Pierre, will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry. ***This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City.*** Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 605.343.3541.

All in God's Plan

Mother-Daughter/ Father-Son Program, Wednesday, October 28, 5:30 - 8:30 pm.

MOMS & GIRLS - grades 5-8 at Blessed Sacrament

DADS & BOYS - grades 7-8 at the Cathedral

Please take this opportunity to share some bonding moments with your child and experience fellowship with other parents and children. Dinner will be provided; beginning at 5:30 pm. Registration deadline is October 25, 2009. The fee is \$15.00 per student (which includes take-home materials). Make checks payable to RCCSS. Complete the registration form below and mail it together with the fee to: RCCSS Attn: Susan at St. Elizabeth Seton 431 Oakland Street, Rapid City, SD 57701. Or you may drop off the registration form at the office at either school.

Unplanned pregnancy is a difficult and emotional time. A birth mother cares deeply for her child and wants the child to have a home with stability and love. She is searching for what is best for her baby and herself when she takes the courageous step to contact Catholic Social Services (CSS). At CSS, we help. We provide counseling at no cost to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. A professional counselor meets one-on-one to assist with decision-making, parenting resources and, if requested, adoption services. If you or someone you know could benefit from these services, please contact Catholic Social Services, 918 5th St, Rapid City, SD 57701. 605-348-6086, 1-800-727-2401 or css@rapidnet.com. Together, we can share the light of Christ to those facing life changing decisions. We thank you for your continued prayer that allows CSS to provide crisis pregnancy and adoptions services to those in need.

Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship

Workshop presented by Michael McMahon, President of National Pastoral Musicians Association. The USCCB's Document on Music in Catholic Worship - "Explore this important document on liturgical music from the USCCB with attention to its implications for priests, parish liturgy, the assembled community, and the various types of music ministers." The workshop will be November 6th at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (520 Cathedral Drive, Rapid City, SD 57701) in the Large Meeting Room. No registration fee and lunch provided. Call to register with Fr. Michel Mulloy 605-342-0507, or email him at Michel@cathedralolph.org.



Rachel's Corner

"I have never been convinced that God moves powerfully to love His wounded people back to life than that weekend at the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™. It was a mountaintop experience!" - Testimony after a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™**

Healing and hope are waiting for you on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™. Contact Carol Kling for information about area retreats at 605-374-5639 or ckling@sdplains.com or go to the www.rachelsvineyard.org website: www.rapidcitydiocese.org/Ministries/FamilyLife.htm. For more information, contact the national office at 877-467-3463 or www.rachelsvineyard.org.

A Message from the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission

"Unfortunately, assisted suicide often receives very little attention, and many people who deeply respect human life are unaware of the threat of assisted suicide. ... Today, a pharmacist in Oregon or Washington can dispense a lethal prescription, accompanied by instructions to take it with a light snack and alcohol to cause death. And health insurance can pay for that prescription. ... Concerns about health care costs and general financial uncertainty, along with serious discussions about limiting health care for the elderly, are currently reaching the boiling point. If assisted suicide is added to the cauldron, the final result can be doubly lethal."

Rita L. Marker, Esq. "Assisted Suicide: Death by 'Choice'?", Pamphlet from 2009-2010 Respect Life Program, USCCB, www.usccb.org (From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission)